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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document (except U.S. patent documents) is attached.

Documents AA, AF through AH were cited in a Search Report for corresponding European patent application. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

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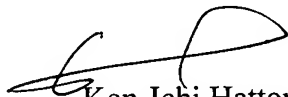
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application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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